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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Two only.

Part B for November 1942.

SUBJECT.

Combined A.R.P. Exercise on 8th & 9th August 1942. —
(Re: certain facilities in connection with the exercises.)

M.R. Krishnan
29.XI.42

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A.R.P— Proposals of the ARP Controller B City.

General and Revenue Secretariat

W File No. 14 of 1942-3. [App. F.-III-2

Serial No. 9

From The A R P Controller B City
D.O. No ARP. 130/42-43 of 22nd June 42
requesting certain facilities in the matter
details in his letter no. 420 mentioned in
B Town City.

The file no. Para 8 Personnel has been
sent to the Law Minister for orders.
The broad proposals of the A R P Controller are
for perusal and orders.

25 24/7 30/

The points requested in the
letter are as follows:—

Para 19 R.U.D.

(1) Purchase of 1000 feet of delivery
hose pipe and 200 feet of suction
pipe. The ~~A.R.P.~~ A.R.P. Controller
may be permitted to purchase
these in consultation with the
Secretary S.D.C.

(2) Training of four five Wardens
This may also be sanctioned

Para 2 of R.U.D.

(3) Purchase of a lorries for
rescue work. This may also be
sanctioned. The cost has to be
ascertained.

Perhaps the Secy Drafting Dept may be able to expedite the issue

(comments and orders) Subject to minor changes to be made by Law Minister in Secretariat ~~consideration~~.

Please below

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

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A.R.P — Proposals - Bangalore

) File No. 14 340/W of 1942-3. General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

(4) Provision of mirrors to 40 fire
aiders through the appl
proposal regarding
messengers & Wardens are separately
under consideration

Sir
28/7/42

Addl Secy

Law Dept
Secy)

Sir
30/7

Sir
30/7

The practice will be start take
at night and the work will be over by
8 PM Certain arrangements may be
required to meet these hours

Sir
1/8/42
Copy

A night meal, or midnight tea only -
& morning Coffee with do, I think. Please
~~give order~~ issue orders

Sir
2/8

Sir
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Subd with a draft reply to the A R P Controller
for approval

Sir
5/8

Issued No. 864/W Dt 5-8-42 to the A.R.P. Controller, Bcity.
865 Memo to the Comptr.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
29 JUL 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR LAW
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No. 1020.

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P.H. KRISHNA RAO, Esq., M.A.,
A.R.P. Controller

Bangalore City,
Dated 22nd July, 1942.

D.O. No.A.R.P.130/42-43.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your Memo No.273/C.B. dated 20-7-42, forwarding copy of your most secret D.O. letter to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, in the matter of the British Military holding Military Exercise on the night 8/9 & 9th day of August 1942, to test the combined Civil and Military preparations of the Civil and Military Station, City and the Bangalore Military Area.

In this connection, I write to emphasise, what I reported in the progress report for May 1942, that our preparations are in different stages of progress but cannot be said to be complete in any respect. I request therefore that facilities may kindly be given to me, before the end of this month, in the matters detailed below, so that the City A.R.P., which is proposed to be brought into the picture, may not cut a poor figure.

1. FIRE BRIGADE:-

We have now 3 Fire ~~Fighters~~ Engines and 1 Trailer Pump. The equipment is not complete, as more than a thousand feet of delivery hose pipe and 200 feet of suction hose pipe are required. I may be permitted to buy up, in consultation with the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, whatever material is available in the Local Market; if not, to get it urgently from Bombay or Madras. Fire parties will be required to man these Fire Engines and Pump. The Inspector General of Police is submitting proposals to form the Fire Brigade out of the Provincial Reserve Police. In anticipation of sanctioning these proposals, four parties may be ordered to be trained immediately.

2. RESCUE SERVICE:-

Seven parties have been trained and 2 more are in

in training. One of the Fire Fighting Lorries is being used for giving the necessary training; but as this will be sent away for being stationed at the Provincial Reserve Police as part of the Fire Brigade, a lorry has to be purchased and made always available for training in Rescue Work. The Deputy Commissioner has no doubt earmarked 11 Motor Vehicles for A.R.P. Work; but they cannot be relied upon to be produced promptly when required. This was considered by the A.R.P. Central Advisory Committee also on 17th July 1942, and it was resolved that the A.R.P., should own at least 2 Motor Lorries, to form the nucleus of the Rescue Services, the additional requirements being obtained by hiring or purchasing more lorries. I may therefore be permitted to purchase 2 lorries for Rescue Work. The Chief Engineer has definitely said that no more vehicles can be spared from his Department. We have also reached the limit of getting the Motor Vehicles from other Departments. The Rescue Parties already trained have also to be provided with uniforms, not merely for the sake of appearance, but to enable them to do their work more efficiently. It is proposed to put for the present 2 parties out of the 7 in uniforms and the cost is estimated to be about Rs.200/-. I have with the approval of the Inspector General of Police ordered the uniforms in anticipation of sanction.

3. CASUALTY SERVICES:-

(a) First Aid Party:- The Hospital Sub Committee has selected all the Medical institutions in the City as First Aid Posts and added 5 more, making in all 28 First Aid Posts. As they have to be kept open all the 24 hours during emergencies the staff has to work by shifts. I have written to the Senior Surgeon that he should be prepared to appoint another Doctor, another nurse and another attendant, wherever only one of them exists. I have also

also suggested that perhaps the third and fourth year L.M.P. students may relieve or assist the Doctor, and that midwives and nurses under training may perhaps relieve or assist the nurses. If there are any probationery ward-boys or attendants, they may be spared on the days of the exercise. For the real emergency, they have got to be appointed.

(b) Mobile First Aid Unit:-

It is intended to have 3 at the rate of 1 for each Division. These vehicles will be hired from the Bangalore Transport Company; but we shall require in addition to the Driver, a Doctor, a Nurse and 2 Attendants for each vehicle. I have requested the Senior Surgeon to make them also available.

(c) First Aid Parties:-

The Scheme of the Government of India, prescribes a scale of 50 First Aid Parties consisting of 4 persons each or 200 persons in all, for a City with the area and population of Bangalore; all to be stationed in the Depots and provided with vehicles to proceed to the scene of incident on requisition. But as a measure of economy, and so as to make the parties more readily available, I have arranged that a First Aid Party should be available at each Wardens' Post. Even then, it would be necessary to have at least 10 parties of 4 each with motor vehicles at the Depot. These 10 vehicles I hope to get from private owners on a voluntary basis. I request that as a first step, these 40 First-aiders at least may be provided with uniforms. This question of uniform too was placed before the Central Advisory Committee and they resolved that it was very necessary in view of the general poverty of the volunteers, which makes them appear in very poor dress and as the supply of Steel Helmets to them, will make them look incongruous, if not ludicrous unless they are supplied with uniforms.

(d) Cars for Sitting Cases:-

The Government of India contemplates about 17 such cars at the rate of 1 for three First Aid Parties. We must have at least 10. These too will be obtained from private people.

4. MESSENGER SERVICE:-

Out of the 50 cycles ordered, 24 have been received and are being assembled; 24 more are expected to be received before the end of this month. We must have full time paid Cycle Messengers. I have already submitted proposals for sanctioning one Messenger on Rs.15/- per month to each Warden's Post. If this is sanctioned immediately, I shall make use of them for the practice on the 8th & 9th August 1942. We shall require 12 Messengers at the Control Room, 2 Messengers at each of the Depots, 2 Messengers at each of the Divisional Offices and the rest will be utilised for the Wardens' Posts. The telephones already asked for for some of the outlying Wardens' Posts which have no telephone facilities whatsoever nearby will also have to be sanctioned immediately. One of them will be required at the A.R.P. Depot.

5. WARDENS' SERVICES:-

It is also necessary that each Wardens' Post should be open all the 24 hours. Most of our Wardens are officials and students or engaged in business. They are not available generally between 10 A.M. & 6 P.M., and some of them are not available from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M., at their place of residence. It is therefore necessary to have at least 1 paid Warden for each Wardens' Post to be present from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. The Volunteers may take his place during the other hours. I must say that according to the present arrangements, if there were to be a sudden alarm between 10 A.M. & 6 P.M., on a working day, most of our Wardens' Posts would be empty and the people will be left to shift for themselves. The paid Wardens may also

also be kindly ~~be~~ sanctioned immediately.

6. CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS:-

Two depots have to be started immediately; one for the Casualty Services at the G.R.S. Garage and another in the A.R.P. Headquarters itself for the Rescue Service. At the first Depot, there will be 4 Ambulance Vans, 3 Mobile First Aid Units, 10 Cars for First Aid Parties and 10 Cars for sitting cases, on the 8th & 9th August 1942 for the Combined Practice. The First Aid Parties, Drivers, Medical men etc., will come up to a nearly 100 and they will have to remain at the Depot continuously for nearly 24 hours. Arrangements will have to be made for 2 meals and 2 tiffins. I may be permitted to come to an understanding with the Proprietor, Cubbon Park Restaurant, next door to arrange to feed them. There will be another 80 persons for the Rescue Services in the A.R.P. Office who have also to be fed. The food will be cooked in the Cubbon Park Restaurant itself but will be taken on a lorry and served at the A.R.P. Office for the Rescue Parties. I hope to make the Proprietor agree to a sum of about 12 annas per head for the 2 meals and 2 tiffins together. This may also be approved.

Even if all the above items are attended to, we will be still far below the scale prescribed by the Government of India and far behind the time prescribed for us to be prepared to act immediately. Bangalore City was declared to be in the threatened area more than 3 months ago and the preliminary warning was issued 2 months ago, indicating that the danger was imminent. In a threatened area, we are expected to have all schemes ready and be ready to function at a week's notice. In an area to which the preliminary warning has been issued, we are expected to put the schemes into operation and be ready to function forthwith. In a Class II - J2 City like Bangalore, 25% of the paid personnel should

should be appointed as soon as an area is threatened and the entire paid personnel of the A.R.P., should be appointed as soon as the preliminary warning is issued. The repeated instructions of the Government of India do not leave any doubt in this matter; but though even the warning has been issued to Bangalore City, we are not prepared even as much as a threatened City should be, as even 25% of the paid personnel has not been appointed. Taking only the Wardens for example, the Government of India recommends that in Class II - J2 towns, there should be 2 paid wardens per Warden's Post, but even 1 has not been sanctioned so far.

There is no use our comparing ourselves with the Civil and Military Station who have large Military resources to fall back upon. Comparing ourselves with Madras, whose area is three times that of Bangalore City and whose population is four times, I may mention that they have 1,744 paid wardens and 1,430 Voluntary Wardens against our 1,500 Wardens all Voluntary; 556 paid First-aiders and 573 Voluntary First-aiders against our 500 First-aiders all voluntary; 10 Mobile First Aid Units against our 3; 155 First Aid Parties out of whom 340 are paid and 320 are Voluntary; 139 Cars for First Aid and sitting cases of which 95 are owned by the A.R.P.; 23 Fire Engines and 15 Trailer Pumps against 3 Fire Engines and 1 Trailer Pump of Bangalore; 568 Paid Personnel for the Fire Services and 117 Volunteers against 60 paid personnel proposed by the Inspector General of Police; 40 Ambulances against our 6 including the Municipal Ambulance; 30 Rescue Parties against our 7.

The proposals that I have sent up and the facilities that I am now asking for are therefore very modest and far below the requirements and may therefore be sanctioned in toto. I may also be kindly given a free hand to prepare for these exercises, of course, after obtaining the approval of the

the Inspector General of Police.

Yours sincerely,

GULAM MOHIYUDDIN MEHKRI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Section War

File No. 14-42

Serial No. 8.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. 864/W

To

The ARP Controller B City

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue 5.8.42

With reference to your D.O.no ARP.130/42-438 22nd June 42 requesting certain facilities in the matters detailed below in connection with the Military Exercise on the night of 8th/9th and 9th day of August 42 for the City ARP.

Signed by Mr. S.K.V.

I am directed to convey the approval of Govt to the proposals as noted below.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

(1) Fire Brigade:- Sanction is accorded to the purchase by you

Examined by.....

in consultation with the Secy S[tate] of
1000 feet of delivery hose pipe and
200 feet of suction hose pipe
for the Fire Engines. Sanction is also
accorded to the training of
fire parties immediately pending the
formation of the regular fire brigade

(2) Rescue Work Sanction is accorded
to the purchase of 2 Lorries for Rescue work
~~The Asst Traffic Board may be obtained~~
~~required for~~ Rescue two Lorries may be, if possible, the
~~and the Lorries may be fractions~~ vehicles to be used in connection
with the Transport
~~Committee with them~~ Section.

Sanction is already been conveyed
to the supply of uniforms to two of the
Rescue Parties in Bengalis (vide G.O. No 471-3/W
527 dated 4.8.)

(3) Casualty Services.
(a) First Aid Party
(b) Mobile First Aid Unit The proposals for the 2
will be examined

(a) First Aid Parties. The proposal to
provision of uniforms to 40 First Aiders

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(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

4 + 5) Messenger Service & Water Service. The matter is being dealt with in connection with and forms part of issue sheets in the matter of arrears.

(6) Cooks Arrangements:- It can be stated that a night meal, a cup of tea only at midnight and morning coffee will suffice for the A.R.P. Services in connection with the Curfew Practice on the 8th & 9th Aug. 42 since the practice will start at night and be over by 8. A.M. next morning. Subject to the above modification your proposal is approved.

It is requested that the above instructions may be carried out from the

& Chief Secretary to Government

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Memo. No. 865/W.

Copy to Comptroller &

IMMEDIATE. **GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE**

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore, Dated, 5th August 1942.

No. 864/W. W 14-42-8.

From — *The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The A.R.P. Controller,
Bangalore City.

Sir,

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2. Rescue Work:- Sanction is accorded to the purchase of two lorries for Rescue Work. Second hand lorries may, if possible, be purchased in consultation with the Secretary, Traffic Board, who may be able to negotiate for them.

3. First Aid Parties:- The proposal to the provision of uniforms to 40 First Aiders is approved.

As regards Canteen Arrangements for First Aid Parties etc., I am to point out that the practice will be for about 15 hours from 6 P.M. to 9 A.M. and to state therefore that arrangements may be made to provide one meal for the night and a cup of tea only at mid-night and coffee in the morning.

The expenditure on all the above items may be met from the lumpsum advance placed at the disposal of the Inspector-General of Police for A.R.P. measures.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

IMMEDIATE.

5th August 1942.

No. 864/W.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) M.G.Mehkri.
For Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 865/W. Dated the 5th August 1942.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Comptroller to Government, Bangalore.

For Chief Secretary to Government.